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RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA

Certain members of congress and others are advocating the recognition of the soviet government of Russia in order that the United States may trade with that country or rather in order to put the government back of such trading might learn something from the opinion of John Spargo, socialist author.

Mr. Spargo went to Russia with a delegation which included another well-known Socialist, and he went for the purpose of learning what he could about the soviet government. His judgment is that so long as the bolsheviks remain in power and maintain their present policy there can be no security for foreign capital invested in Russia.

It is absolutely impossible for American business men to rely on the honesty of its leaders in their dealings with the soviet government. Mr. Spargo told a committee of the senate. The reason why the bolsheviks are so eager to obtain recognition, that it insures their increasing and costly propaganda, is that a sufficient reason for denying that recognition.

If Mr. Spargo went to Russia with any prejudice it was in favor of the soviet principles, but he saw enough in Russia to convince him of the utter dishonesty of the men in control of the soviet government.

In spite of the judgment of men who know something of the facts regarding Russia, there is some agitation in this country for recognition of Lenin and Trotsky, in order that the United States may obtain its share of the business which Russia is reported to be ready to give to nations willing to forget the bloody deeds of the bolsheviks and run the risk of being stabbed in the back by sneaky leaders.

THE LESSON OF THRIFT

One does not have to hark back many months to recall the period when industrial workers were pointed out as the best customers of the stores that dealt in silk shirts and other articles of apparel that were once regarded as among the luxuries. There is no consolation to persons out of employment in telling them that they should have saved part of their money when they were earning the highest wages in the history of American industry, yet that is exactly what should have been done.

Thousands of persons permitted themselves to be deceived by the industrial activity which prevailed during and immediately after the world war. But the so-called "ranchy day" arrived in spite of the optimism or perhaps indifference, of a large number of workers, and they find that they are poorly prepared to stand the effects of industrial depression. A few dollars saved when employment was at high tide would enable these persons to maintain themselves now in reasonable comfort.

It is too late now to provide against the present financial emergency, but is there not reason to believe that other emergencies will arise in the future, just as they have in the past? The practice of thrift is commendable at all times. It becomes a principle with the successful man, and in the case of wage earners especially it provides a safeguard against the day when employment may not be so remunerative or, as in the case of many thousands at present, it ceases entirely.

THE HOUSING SHORTAGE

The national council of the United States chamber of commerce, which is in session this week in Washington, is considering the formulation of a constructive program to relieve the housing shortage, which is held responsible for high rents in many localities.

It is evident that little can be done toward overcoming the housing shortage until there is a reasonable reduction in the cost of building. Material and labor for building work have kept pace with other industries of the last few years, and there must be a reduction in these until such building will be done. A reduction of 20 or 25 per cent in the total cost of building would probably result in a decided stimulation in building activities. Another effect would be a lowering of prices asked

for properties and an ultimate reduction in rents. The effect toward a reduction in the cost of living would be considerable.

Paraphrasing the words of President Grant, the way to reduce is to reduce, and there is no reason to believe that anything will be gained either by contractors or workers in delaying action that will lower the cost of building construction. It is plain that the persons who need homes are not in a mood to make investments at prices that prevailed during the last year.

SCIENCE AND SPIRITS

We are told by Dr. Hereward Carrington, the distinguished investigator into psychic matters that if laboratories were properly fitted up in America, scientists would be able to reach some definite conclusions within 10 years as to the possibility of communication with the dead. That is a subject in which every human being is bound to be interested. It does not seem likely that mere lack of laboratory equipment will be allowed to stand in the way. And yet it must be confessed that mankind has made surprisingly little progress in its attempts to rend the veil of death and explore what lies beyond.

An important recent development is a device perfected by Professor Imoda of the Paris Psychological Institute, which points to a theory, that radium, that mystery matter, may hold the key that will unlock the secret of spirit communication. One does not need to be a spiritualist to be interested in the things that researchers disclose. Science forges ahead, regardless of creed or dogma. One day, perhaps, it will penetrate to the beyond.

OBSERVATIONS

If worry would make folks thin many a fat woman would soon cease to worry.

It is usually easy to put off until tomorrow what you failed to do yesterday.

A lot of lawyers will probably go out of business when the millennium arrives.

The dealer who is holding on to his goods for war prices should be allowed to hold on.

The way of the transgressor is hard, but many of them seem to sidestep some hard bumps.

Some crooks will never be straightened out until they get into the hands of an undertaker.

Enforcement officers should not make any distinction between big and little bootleggers.

Benjamin Franklin had reason for his thrift talks—the penny was worth something in his day.

Things are looking better. Some landlords advertise that they have no objection to one child.

It does not seem to occur to the nations of Europe that they can stop war by ceasing to fight.

If a man ever feels like loosening up financially, it must be when a bandit pokes a pistol against his chest.

The persons who were saving a little money never lost faith in the ability of the American dollar to come back.

The housing problem will be solved when a man feels that he can move out because his neighbor plays the saxophone.

Any man will tell you that he gets inspiration out of smoking, but other folks do not notice that he is any smaller.

CONGRESS MAY IMPOSE TARIFF ON RICE \$2.00

(By Associated Press.) HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 8.—If congress imposes a \$2 tariff on rice, Japanese in Hawaii will import California rice rather than that which comes from Japan, which they now use, according to T. Onodera, secretary of the Honolulu Japanese chamber of commerce.

According to figures received here recently from Tokyo, Hawaii imported during 1920 a total of 13,242,000 yen worth of Japanese goods, principally rice. Hawaii's exports to Japan totaled only 243,000 yen.

MOVIE SCHOOLS BE CAREFUL WARNS BOHAN

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Schools claiming to teach the art of motion picture acting must in the future be a bit careful and see that they really teach the art, instead of luring embryo screen stars and their money to so-called studios, where the money remains while the would-be dramatic artists return to the prosaic typewriter or kitchen.

This was brought out when it was learned that Assistant District Attorneys Owen W. Bohan and Frederick Sullivan have started a sweeping investigation of such schools and concerns that advertise in the "help wanted" columns of newspapers for chorus girls, or motion picture people. The attorneys say they intend to put out of business any such concerns which mislead the girls into expecting immediate employment and they have begun investigation of several which appear suspicious.

The "students" of these schools, says the attorneys, are usually girls. The investigation was instigated by Frank P. Donovan, who said he was a former motion picture director. He said he personally visited one such school and found some prospective artists acting before a real camera, except that it was minus a film. The whole proceedings, he declared, were a farce to anyone who knew anything about motion pictures. Three girls swore out affidavits saying they had been orally promised positions with big film companies, but thus far they had not seen even a train bound for Los Angeles.

District Attorney Bohan said these schools were not licensed, and that although their contracts did not promise jobs with motion picture companies, they usually painted the prospective student's future in glowing terms in order to obtain the \$25 necessary to make a screen star.

HONOR PAID TO BASKETBALL MAN

(By Associated Press.)

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 8.—The honor paid to Dr. James A. Naismith of the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association of America—life membership on the basketball rules committee—comes to him 30 years after he invented the game of basketball. Dr. Naismith is head of the department of physical education at the University of Kansas.

Basketball was the result of a deliberate attempt to evolve a game suitable for men to play indoors. In 1891, Dr. Naismith was in charge of a gymnasium class at the Springfield, Massachusetts, Y. M. C. A., then an instructor college for athletes and association men. The men enrolled in the class were football, baseball and track athletes and became weary of the inside work consisting of boxing, wrestling and swimming.

OREGON COLLEGE TO PLAY EIGHT GAMES

(By Associated Press.)

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 8.—Eight games are on the 1921 football schedule of the Oregon Agricultural college announced here recently. The schedule follows:

Oct. 1—Chemawa Indians here.
Oct. 8—Multnomah club here.
Oct. 15—Willamette university here.
Oct. 22—University of Washington here.
Oct. 29—Stanford university at Palo Alto.
Nov. 12—Washington State college here.
Nov. 19—University of Oregon at Eugene.
Nov. 24—Santa Clara university at San Francisco.

Attempts are also being made to arrange a game with the University of Southern California at Pasadena December 3.

ORGANIZE EXPEDITION TO SCALE BIG PEAKS

(By Associated Press.)

OXFORD, England, Feb. 8.—Oxford university is organizing an expedition to Spitzbergen to start early this year for the purpose of making geographical discoveries on several of the highest peaks which have not yet been climbed. The Evening Standard says the party will consist of six men who will make the journey inland from Wide Bay by means of sledges and ski.

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